

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2008, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

1. Prior Art Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-5, 11-13, and 19-22 are rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Fukumoto et al (US 6,380,923; hereafter “Fukumoto”) in view of Mori (US 2003/0181817) and Kaplan (US 2004/0169638).

Claims 7-10 and 15-18 rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Fukumoto as modified by Mori and Kaplan as applied to claims 1-5 and 11-13 above, and further in view of Grimes (US 4,414,537).

With regard to claims 1 and 11, the Examiner alleges, *inter alia*, that while Fukumoto and Mori teach the claimed finger-motion detecting unit, finger-motion signal transmitting unit and finger-motion signal receiving unit, the RFID-related elements recited in the last wherein-clause of the claim are taught by **Kaplan** (paragraphs 13-17 and 38).

The wherein-clause of claim 1 reads:

wherein the finger-motion signal transmitting unit comprises a control unit which is a radio frequency identification (RFID) chip driven by a predetermined amount of power, stores an identifier (ID) of the finger and is adapted to store a finger-motion signal inputted from the finger-motion detecting unit, and convert the finger-motion signal into the modulated finger-motion signal.

Kaplan appears to teach in paragraph 38 the mobile transceivers attached to the fingers of a user may be an RFID system (see FIG. 1).

However, **Kaplan** cannot qualify for a prior art for the present application, because **Kaplan** was filed December 9, 2003 (U.S. reference date) which postdates the priority date (April 18, 2003) of the present application. The provisional application of **Kaplan** (60/431,710) was filed December 9, 2002 which is before Applicant’s priority date. However, the provisional

application of **Kaplan** does not disclose that an RFID system is used for a finger-attached transceiver.

As Applicant perfects the priority of the present application by submitting herewith a verified English translation of the priority document (Korean Patent Application No.: 10-2003-24777), it is respectfully requested that **Kaplan** should be removed as a prior art against the claimed invention.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 11 would not have been obvious over the cited references including **Kaplan**.

Claims 2-4 and 12-13 should be allowable at least due to their dependencies and additionally recited elements.

With respect to claim 5, Mori is alleged to teach a coil unit that is configured to be wound about a finger, and a control unit (11A of Fig. 4) that is configured to be positioned on top of the finger in the form of a chip. However, as clearly shown in the same drawing, the coil unit of Mori is not configured to be wound about a user's finger, but only the adhesive 131 is configured to be wound about a user's finger. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Mori does not teach the features of claim 5. Claim 5 should also be allowable at least due to its dependency.

Claims 19-22 are canceled in the previous Amendment.

Claims 7-10 and 15-18 should be allowable at least due to their dependencies and additionally recited elements at least because Grimes does not make up for the deficiencies of Fukumoto and Mori.

2. Miscellaneous

Applicant amends claims 1-2 and 11-12 to correct minor informalities. Entrance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

3. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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